

State Emergency Response Commission Meeting
March 20, 2008
1:00 pm
Emergency Preparedness Center
Institute

Voting Members Present:

Rudy Raynes	WVSFM
Dan McKinney	WVDNR
John Walker	WVDOT
Jack Chambers	WVSP
Mike Goff	WVSP
Mike Dorsey	WVDEP
Roy McCallister	WVCA

Others Present:

Misi Savage	WVDHSEM
Laverne Stout	WVDHSEM
Herb Lattimore	WVDHSEM
Don Elswick	Marathon Oil
J.L. Riggs	
Jim Shedd	RESA III/EPTC

Call to Order:

Mr. Rudy Raynes called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm at the Emergency Preparedness Training Center in Institute, WV. Meeting packets were distributed to participants. Mr. Raynes asked those assembled to review the minutes from the January 17, 2008 meeting for corrections, deletions or additions. *Mr. Goff moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Mr. Dorsey seconded, motion carried.*

Mr. Jim Riggs, former SERC member was presented with a plaque which were signed by the SERC members. This was in honor of his retirement.

Ms. Laverne Stout introduced Melyssa Savage (Misi) to the Commission.

Old Business:

LEPC Grant Program – Marion County requested their initial Grant award of \$700.00

By-Laws – None

Training Sub-Committee Report - Mr. Lattimore said that a Evacuation and Re-Entry Class has only been taught one time. He also said that there has been talk of doing this class more.

New Business -

LEPC Memberships – None

Treasurer's Report – Report is attached for review.

2008 LEPC/SERC Conference – Ms. Stout said that Mr. Gianato had negotiated with the Embassy Suites to lower the price of the rooms there. The contract with Embassy Suites was signed on March 18, 2008. The dates of the Conference will be September 22, 23 and 24, 2008.

Mrs. Stout said that we should start thinking about the 2009 conference. She told the Commission that Mr. Gianato would like to have it at Chief Logan State Park. Mr. McCallister asked if it would be a problem to wait until the fall and possibly have Roger Bryant from Logan County do a presentation.

Mr. McCallister recommended going to Chief Logan for the May meeting to check out the facilities to see if they would be suitable for the 2009 conference. Ms. Stout said that we would check into the rates of a meeting room.

Mr. McCallister asked if people statewide were aware of the resources of RESA. He asked if it would be possible for RESA III to make a presentation at the conference. Mr. Shedd said that they would be glad to.

Annual Report – Ms. Stout circulated a copy of the 2007 Annual Report.

2008 EPA Conference - Ms. Stout said that the 2008 EPA conference would be in Richmond, VA October 26, 27, 28 and 29 2008.

There was discussion as to sending up to five members from LEPC's to the conference this year. Mr. Raynes said that was usually what the Commission approved.

Mr. McCallister made a motion to fund five LEPC's members and to advertise this, giving priorities to LEPC's that have not sent anyone to the EPA Conference before. Second Mr. Dorsey, motion carried.

Ms. Stout stated that a letter would be sent to LEPC's and OES directors about the conference and the SERCS funding of five members.

Tier II Software - Mr. Raynes asked where we stood with Tier II software. Ms. Stout said that we were still waiting on RFP's.

EPTC Presentation - Mr. Shedd from RESA III gave a presentation on the training facility.

Mr. Shedd stated that it was operated by the Bayer Corporation as a training ground for industrial fire fighting. He said that the local departments did use it from time to time. He said when the opportunity came up for RESA III to take over management control of the center, it was opened up for all to use.

Mr. Shedd said that the site has ten acres of various training activities. He said that there are props for structural, tank, and propane fires. He said that it has several HazMat props as well as a confined space prop.

Mr. Shedd said that he would like to open this up state wide, especially RRT. Mr. Elswick said that this was a premier training vision. It is open to anyone to be able to use it.

Mr. Raynes said that Jackson's Mill was not up to the level of the EPTC yet.

Ms. Stout asked if EPTC could do what the tunnel could. Mr. Shedd said that there have some things that the EPTC does not have yet.

Mr. Dorsey stated that he thought it would be a good idea for a tour during the SERC Conference.

Mr. Raynes stated that this is the type of facility that has been talked about for more than 20 years. Now it is a reality.

Mr. Shedd also told the commission that there would be a Public Safety conference with national speakers May 7, 8 and 9, 2008 at the Charleston Civic center. He also said that there would be post conference training at EPTC on May 9 and 10.

Mr. Elswick said that he has some brochures about guidelines for emergency responders that he would like to distribute.

The next meeting of the Board will be May 15, 2008 at 1:00 pm.

There was a motion on the floor to dismiss made by Mike Dorsey, seconded by Mike Goff. Motion carried and the meeting was dismissed at 2:00 pm.